



Clare Congregational Church Newsletter

May 2026

Happy Mother's Day & Memorial Day

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General Information

Sunday Morning Bible Study:
9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service:
10:30 am (Nursery Available)

Coffee Hour: Fellowship Hall
(after service)

Potluck: 2nd Sunday in May

Council Meeting May 12th

Women's Meeting: May 21st

*Greetings From
Pastor Connie*



May is a busy month. "Happy Mother's Day." Congratulations graduates. Memorial Day reminds us of those who gave life and limbs for our freedom. Each of these special days cause us to rejoice and celebrate.

The Scriptures teach us that everyday is a day for rejoicing. Psalms 118:24, Philippians 4:8 and Psalm 77:42, share these words.

"Today is a day for rejoicing. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Think about what's good, noble, and right. Reflect on things that are pure, lovely, and admirable. Anything excellent or praise worthy warrants memories.

Meditate on all I've done for you, and consider all My mighty deeds. Remembering you, Your God of Joy."

These are great words to live by. Not only are they words for us to follow but think about how the world would change if everyone followed them.

God's blessings,
Pastor Connie





Vice-Moderator's Report Welcome May!



I hope this means warmer weather and sunny days are coming soon.

Mother's Day is approaching. The women of our church will be spoiled as the men of our church will serve us a "Mother's Day Brunch" for Coffee Hour.

We welcomed the students from Pioneer High as they treated us to a "Give Back Day"! The students washed all the lower level windows inside and out. Also polished all the pews. What a joy to have them here and listen to the laughter as they worked.

The students from Clare High School came and raked our yards and flower gardens. What a great time having our church surrounded with youth.

Our annual meeting is coming up in June. This is a time to thank all our Council Members as they work diligently throughout the year to keep our church running smoothly. As always - Thanks be to God.

Vice-Moderator)
Karen Jones



Bell Choir

Welcome back Angie, Meredith, and Joan The Bell Choir will be playing on Mother's Day, and hopefully for Memorial Day service. Practices are on Thursdays at 1:30.



Coffee Hour

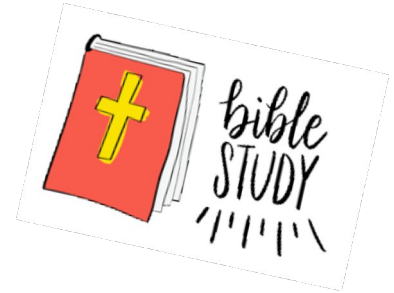
There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside Wanda's office. Please sign up for a Sunday Coffee Hour. **Potluck** on the second Sunday of each month, you can sign up for that also. The fellowship is always great, come join us!

Lent

During Lent, 4 Sundays, Pastor Connie delivered food to 176 people from the donations given. Many have traditionally given up something such as chocolate, soda or TV. The congregation was encouraged to “give something”. What a blessing to see all the food donated. People who received the goodies were elated. Families with children were especially excited when eggs and Easter Egg Dye Kits were delivered. Lots of meat was donated along with milk, cheese and fresh fruits and vegetables. Thank you and God bless everyone who helped feed others.

Baby Pantry

The baby pantry is in need of onesies for boys and girls size 0-3 months. Sleepers are also needed.



Adult Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30 adults meet in the parlor to study the 23rd Psalm. The class has really grown but always has room for more. Everyone is welcome.

Air Conditioning

The women took a vote at their meeting and decided we would be willing to donate \$4,000.00 towards the air conditioning if the council approves it, at which time we will be reaching out for donations to raise the rest of the funds.

Air conditioning would make our summer events more pleasurable for the workers and the participants. It also opens up more options for activities in the church. If you would like to pledge to make a donation please get hold of Wanda at the office. This will go before the Council at the next meeting on May 12th.

Women's Meeting

The Women's meeting for May will be May 21st at 12:00.

Auction Items may be dropped off anytime at the church, the earlier the better. We are also collecting Christmas items for donations. If you have items you no longer want or you happen to find some yard sales with Christmas items, ask if after their sale they might like to donate the Christmas stuff to the church. We can make arrangements to pick up your items. The date this year for the Holiday Bazaar will be November 7th. We will also be collecting crafts, baked goods, home canned items etc. to sell. We will also be collecting new or slightly used items such as women's coats, gloves, scarfs and jewelry for the Boutique, which was a great addition last year. Last year's turnout was fantastic.



Church Auction

Wanda Agle and Melinda Lard are co-chairing the auction this year. As of now, the plan is to hold the auction on a Sunday afternoon the latter part of August. This plan is depending on rather or not we get air conditioning in the fellowship hall before that time. If we don't have air we will host the auction in October. Pray for us!

We are ready to start collecting items now. If you have any new or slightly used items that we could sell, bless you. Please drop off at the church or call Wanda or Melinda, or leave a message at the church.

If you have a talent, please put it to use for our auction, baking, cleaning, driving, cooking, carpentry, landscaping etc. the list is endless.

Services:

Window Cleaning
Driver for a day
Painting
Yard work
Pontoon Rides
Power Washing
Car Detailing
Use of Time Shares
Dinner Party
Catering

Bake Goods:

Yeast Breads
Sweet Breads
Cookies
Pies
Cakes
Brownies
Sweet Rolls
Casseroles
Muffins
Meals

Canned Goods:

Jams
Jelly
Pie Fillings
Apple sauce
Pickles
Fruits



We even like gift cards for Stores, Restaurants, Theaters, Events Etc.

May Birthdays

Fletcher Wernholm 5/01
 Bill Leverage 5/03
 Barb Kunse 5/03
 Mary Ann Forsberg 5/07
 Andrea Walls 5/09
 Kieran McKibbin 5/11
 Jeana Chinn 5/18
 Paula Newkirk 5/20
 Carly Wolfe 5/20
 J.C. Colville 5/25
 Bill Schepperly 5/28



Serving Month of May

Officiating: Pastor Connie Bongard
 Liturgist: Dr. Kurt Keppner
 Ushers: Bill & Paula Newkirk
 Accompanist: Johanas Durkin

May Anniversaries

John and Angie Allen 5/07



Facts & Figures: Month of April

Date	Attendance	Offering
April 3	44	
5	86	\$ 2404 .00
12	36	907.00
19	28	1411.00
26	39	1850.00



REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Prayer List: Phyllis Carrigan, Patty (Humphrey) Hazen, Mike Humphrey, Jerry Forsberg, LuAnne Humphrey, Ivah Forsberg, Donald Hemstreet, Nancy Orr., Patty Wiseley and Teresa Mackie

Please help keep the prayer list current; if you know of any changes, or additions, please call the office at 989 386-7582, leave a note for the secretary, or send an email to: office@clarecongregational.org